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## NON-FEE PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2005, applicants call to the Examiner's attention that the time for taking action following an adverse decision by the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences as established by 37 C.F.R. 1.197(b) is two months.

The decision by the BPAI in this case is dated March 14, 2005; and, therefore, the time to take action expires May 14, 2005.

In a telephone conversation on March 29, 2005, Examiner Karl Group indicated that the Office Action had been mailed in error and suggested to counsel that this non-fee petition be filed to vacate the Office Action of March 22, 2005. Counsel thanks the Examiner for this suggestion.

Applicants therefore request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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